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SUBJECT: WHITE PAPER ON RHODESIA

1. IN REVIEWING BRITISH WHITE PAPER ON RHODESIA
SETTLEMENT PROPOSALS, WE NOTED THAT CURRENT DRAFT DOES
NOT CONTAIN ANY REFERENCE TO CREATION OF ZIMBABWE ARMY.
WE RAISED THE SUBJECT WITH GRAHAM WHO AT FIRST OB-
JECTED TO THE INCLUSION OF SUCH A PROVISION, BUT
ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE ORIGINAL UK DRAFT HAD INDEED
INCLUDED IT. ACCORDING TO GRAHAM, DAVID OWEN HIMSELF
HAD DIRECTED ITS DELETION.

2. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION AND A SUBSEQUENT CHECK BY
GRAHAM WITH OWEN, IT WAS AGREED, SUBJECT TO WASHINGTON'S
APPROVAL, TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING PROVISION AS A NEW
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PARAGRAPH 11(E) IN THE BASIC PAPER:
   "THE FORMATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE
   ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TRANSITION ADMINISTRATION,
   OF A NEW ZIMBABWE NATIONAL ARMY WHICH WILL, IN DUE
   COURSE, REPLACE ALL EXISTING ARMED FORCES IN
   RHODESIA AND WILL BE THE ARMY OF THE FUTURE INDE-
   PENDENT STATE OF ZIMBABWE".

3. THE EXISTING PARAGRAPH 11(E) WOULD BE RE-DESIGNATED
AS 11(F).

4. OUR REASONING IN SEEKING THE INCLUSION OF THIS NEW
PROVISIONISTD.AVOIDTROUBLE WITH NYERERE, AND POSSIBLY
OTHERS, WHO MIGHT REGARD ITS OMMISION FROM BASIC PRO-
POSAL AS ANOTHER INDICATION OF RESISTANCE TO THE RE-
PLACEMENT OF THE PRESENT RHODESIAN ARMY BY A NEW ARMY.
WE RECOGNIZE THAT THE PROPOSED NEW PROVISION DOES NOT
CONTAIN THE MAGIC WORDS "BASED ON THE LIBERATION
FORCES". HOWEVER, IF ANY QUESTION IS RAISED ON THIS
POINT, WE CAN EXPLAIN THAT THIS IS WHAT WE MEANT.

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